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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/45/892)]

45/247. Financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 644 (1989) of 7 November 1989, by which the Council established the United Nations Observer Group in Central America and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Group, the latest of which was resolution 675 (1990) of 5 November 1990,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Group are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Group, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

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Taking into account the fact that the economically more develcped countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Group by certain Member States,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Group with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Concurs with the observations, recommendations and conclusions contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Observer Group in Central America in full and on time;

3. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Group in Central America the amount of 27,144,600 United States dollars gross (26,337,000 dollars net) authorized and apportioned by the General Assembly in paragraph 5 of its resolution 44/44 of 7 December 1989 for the operation of the Group for the period from 7 May to 7 November 1990, inclusive;

4. Decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States for the period 7 May to 7 November 1990, as provided for in paragraph 3 of the present resolution, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 10,219,300 dollars gross (9,989,800 dollars net) in respect of the period from 7 November 1989 to 7 May 1990, inclusive;

5. Decides further to appropriate to the Special Account an amount of 19,410,200 dollars for the operation of the Group for the period from 7 November 1990 to 7 May 1991, inclusive;

6. Decides as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 19,410,200 dollars for the above-mentioned period among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1989, 1990 and 1991; 3/

3/ See resolution 43/223 A.

7. Decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 6 of the present resolution, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 1,718,000 dollars for the period from 7 November 1989 to 7 November 1990, inclusive;

8. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 6 of the present resolution, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 591,600 dollars approved for the period from 7 November 1990 to 7 May 1991, inclusive;

9. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Group at a rate not to exceed 2,730,000 dollars gross (2,633,000 dollars net) per month, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee, for the period from 7 May to 7 November 1991, inclusive, should the Security Council decide to continue the Group beyond the period of six months authorized under its resolution 675 (1990), the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

10. Decides that Liechtenstein shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (b) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the Group shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-fifth session regarding the scale of assessments; 4/

11. Decides also that Namibia shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (d) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the Group shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-fifth session regarding the scale of assessments; 4/

12. Decides further that, in accordance with regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the contributions to the Group until 7 November 1990 of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 10 and 11 of the present resolution shall be treated as miscellaneous income to be set off against the apportionments authorized in paragraph 6 of the present resolution;

13. Invites voluntary contributions to the Group in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/192 A of 21 December 1989;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Group is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy.

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4/ Resolution 45/256 B.